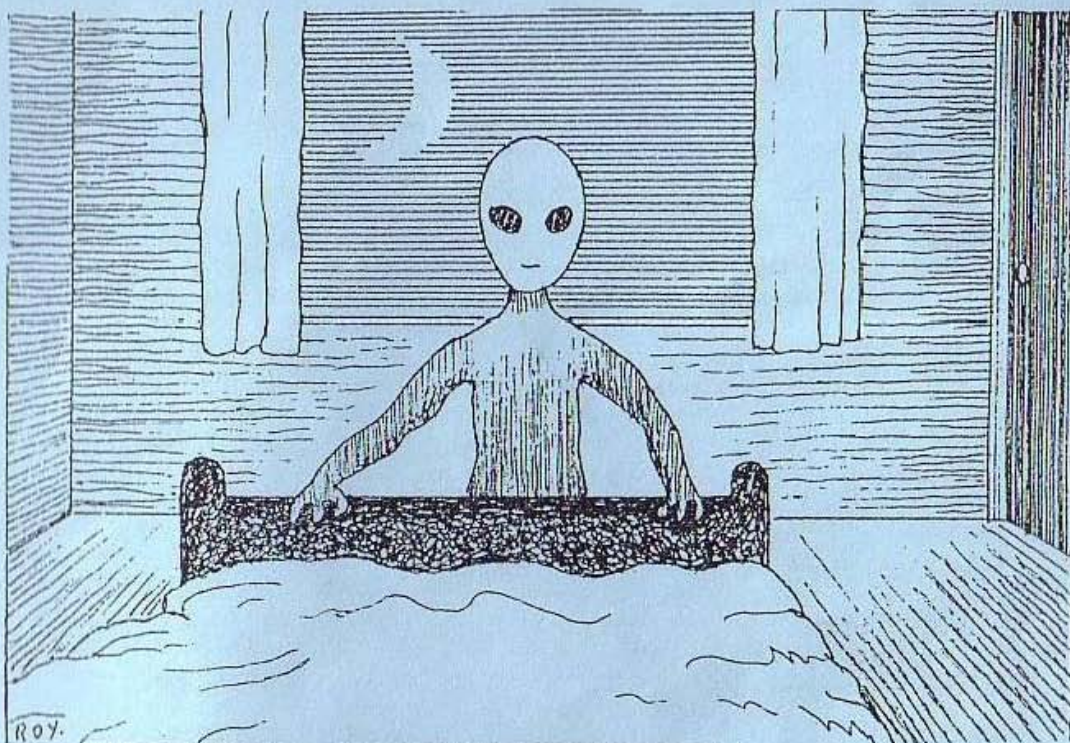


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J. R. Comments. . . Since last issues editorial I have had many comments - some of them unprintable! They vary from surprise and pleasure to a suggestion that my words reveal clear signs of mental breakdown and schizophrenia. That being so I was naturally, er, 'in two minds' whether to elaborate but I decided I had best explain what I meant about undergoing my own 'abduction'. Otherwise the rumour mills would enter overdrive!

The truth is this. In late 1987 whilst I was working on my book 'Abduction' I decided that in order to write about information secured under regression hypnosis it was important to have experienced it. I had already had a light hypnotic state induced for the purposes of garnering 'past-life' material when writing a column for 'The Supernatural' magazine. But I needed to see things from the viewpoint of the CE 4 witness.

As it happens I have had three mildly curious experiences which are exactly the sort of thing from which abductions are built these days. I have rarely talked about any of them in public; although none are secret and I told several friends about each of them soon after they occurred. Indeed the 1977 incident was mentioned in an NUN editorial 14 years ago.

The earliest event dates to when I seem to have first become interested in UFOs. It was, I think, in August 1963, when I was on holiday with my grandparents at a hotel in Blackpool. I was aged 11. I vividly recall that during the night UFOs were seen over the hotel roof and much talk of this at breakfast time. So far as I know I saw nothing and was asleep throughout the event, but the incident gouged deep for some reason. Soon afterwards I wrote a strange story in every spare moment called 'Sleep can take you far away' which as I read it now is seen to have all the classic hallmarks of a CE4 case. Of course, then not even UFOlogy had abductions as it does now and this imaginative childish, ah, 'masterpiece' has always niggled me a little.

Exactly 14 years later, in August 1977, I was in Chester with my then boyfriend lay in a field by railway tracks watching the night sky (amongst other things). A dazzling blue ball appeared low overhead and circled us. We concluded it was a light aircraft, despite its strangeness, and laughed it off. Yet oddly less than 24 hours later (whilst I was still away) what appeared to be ball lightning formed right over the roof of my house in Irlam. My mother was in the garden talking to a neighbour and heard the buzzing noise it gave off. Several local children saw it as a yellow/orange oval which disappeared with a loud 'pop'. There was no thunderstorm. Both events occurred independent of one another and both had other witnesses. They could be pure coincidence, but it has always seemed odd.

The last incident was the strangest of the lot. It occurred in July 1987 when I was on an overnight train heading from northern New York state towards New York City. Of course, I knew about Whitley Strieber's story about experiences on trains and others in the area. Indeed I had briefly met Strieber two weeks earlier in Washington DC. This may be very relevant, yet what followed was still startling. I had a vivid dream at some point in the early morning of a landed object appearing beside the railway and the train stopping. I awoke from this 'realistic' dream to two anomalies. Firstly, the train was unexpectedly running quite late and, worse still, there was a thin cut on one of my fingers. It was not bleeding nor painful but was very noticable. I looked all around the area where I was resting desperately seeking the sharp edge I kept telling myself I must have touched in my slumber. There was nothing. Indeed I got quite irrational in this frantic search, not wishing to conclude that there was anything peculiar about this mark. Clearly this was nothing more than an odd dream, but it happened.

Neither together nor separately are these events of earth-shattering significance. However, I knew that recently abductions had been built out of less concrete foundations. Even though I was bravely arguing to myself that they were of no cosmic importance I realised that there was probably a part of me somewhere inside that harboured suspicions that I had been 'kidnapped'. As such they offered the basis for a hypnotic exploration.

I arranged to visit a clinical psychologist in Stockport several times and discuss these matters. Eventually he agreed to try hypnosis. I was surprised at being so well aware of what was going on. My mind went to the 1977 incident when consciously I felt that this was the least interesting of the three. After all I already had a very good memory of it. However, it did offer a useful test which I had asked the psychologist to bear in mind and that may have been more important in the context.

Going through the experience was intriguing, because images just came into my mind. They poured out and I described what I saw, getting wrapped up in the pictures and yet always aware that I was just reporting what I was seeing distantly. At no time did I become a part of the scene or feel it was happening to me then; although I was told afterwards that very good hypnotic subjects can do and (in the psychologist's view anyway) these were the ones that lead to the classic abduction cases when the experience I was going through became so 'realistic' that it convinced 'visualisers' it was real.

To be absolutely honest there is no way I could tell you the source of these images. They could have been memories, but just as easily they might have been fantasies conjured up from my subconscious. All I could do was describe the images, not vouch for their reality. That intrigued me.

Afterwards I had a good memory of what I saw. The light had landed and turned into a UFO. Later, in dreams (as I had been warned to expect) the 'story' continued into a more elaborate abduction scenario. However, again there was nothing about it that convinced me it was any more than just a fantasy; although I was able to see how such images arriving spontaneously in the mind of someone unfamiliar with UFOs and possibly at the same time being subconsciously encouraged to think that it was evidence of a real abduction would perhaps be tempted to endorse that analysis.

The specific experiment I had arranged was for the psychologist to ask for certain checkable facts (such as the day of the week, what I had been doing, where I went the next day and so on). As it was years since I had read anything about the incident (eg as put in my diary or Northern UFO News) I had no conscious knowledge of the answers to such questions but was aware how to find them all with absolute accuracy. At least half the 'facts' I came up with under hypnosis were completely wrong when checked; although a couple were spot on and seem unlikely to have been just guesses.

In other words, hypnosis had aided my memory somewhat, but at least as many of the things I recalled correctly must have simply been made up. This left the status of my (or any) 'abduction' imagery even more problematical.

I wrote a detailed discussion of this as a 'case history' at the back of 'Abduction', deliberately leaving the 'punch line' (that the unnamed abductee was myself) until the very last page. I thought it illustrated all the problems of the dilemma faced when investigating CE 4s under hypnosis. Robert Hale would not include the chapter, saying it destroyed the book's objective stance. But I did show the piece to several people at the time (eg Philip Mantle who was investigating abduction cases at the time).

I have sometimes wondered what might have emerged had I 'relived' that night in Blackpool or my New York State train ride in 1987. But I certainly now have a far better understanding of the validity of abduction evidence.

NEWS ROUND-UP



:: Thanks to reader David Pritchard from Cheshire for news from the September issue of 'Air Forces Monthly'. It seems that the USAF are moving on from Stealth (the F-117A) to a Northrop TR-3A "highly classified single seat triangular flying wing design approximately 42 feet long with a 60-65 feet wingspan. It is reported that the TR-3A also dubbed 'Black Manta' due to the aircraft's shape has been occasionally deployed in Alaska, Okinawa, Panama and the UK as well as operations during the Gulf conflict.' Up to 30 are to operate from Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico and Tonopah, Nevada. Readers will note the potential relevance to the spate of nocturnal 'silent vulcan' and 'manta ray' UFOs which the past decade has seen across the UK.

:: New book catalogues to hand are from Brigantia Books (84 Elland Rd Brighouse HD6 2QR) which has many second hand UFO titles and also lots of memorabilia...and Arcturus Books (PO Box 831383 Stone Mountain GA 30083-0023 USA) which is the best place to get latest US titles such as Vallee's amazing new title (*Revelations* at \$20) or the blockbuster (*UFO Crash at Roswell* by Randle and Schmitt at \$4.95). Its probably the only place you can presently get my just published new book on the Rendlesham case (*From Out of the Blue* at \$10.95) as this is only out in the USA. You can order from the UK and an invoice will be sent with books. Pay nothing up front but eventually pay by cheque (US funds only) or international money orders. Call 404-297-4624 to check details and prices if you want fastest delivery.

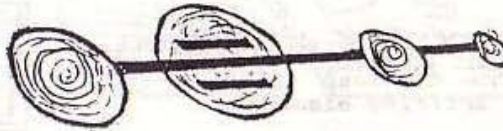
When in London visit the Atlantis Bookshop near the British Museum. This has a huge second hand collection of paranormal titles and announces plans to now include sales of 'robes, masks, authentic African divinity' etc. Just what you need for those last minute Christmas presents, no doubt.

:: I seem to have upset reader Martin Noakes of Sussex on recent Derek Jameson and James Whale extravaganzas. My discussion of UFOs and the ETH on radio was fine but I supposedly told millions on TV that aliens do not exist. If you watch this 'live at lam' frippery with discriminatory powers you may contravene the trades description act. Appearing on it must give further evidence for the rampant schizophrenia indicated by last issues editorial - although, hee hee, I did have my reasons for saying yes to James and had a Whale of a time in the process. But anyone who saw my star turn will know that my comments about crop circles and SHC were hardly disguised as deep philosophical utterances. I recall saying in reply to James' probing question whether aliens would ever appear on TV that I thought they already had because I watched his show. But does this really count as debunking?

NORTHERN UFO NEWS 1992 RENEWALS

It is time to renew for 1992. If you still have some issues outstanding the price is reduced and covers you to December 92. If an X appears below renewal is due now. Otherwise you can 'top up' with the sum shown to guard against price rises likely soon. Standard price covers 6 NUNs, higher figure includes 4 Brigantias as well. All cheques/po's payable "NUFON" please.

CIRCULAR LOGIC:



The news of the last few weeks was the excellent Channel 4 'Equinox' documentary screened for Halloween. They cut out all the filming they did with Paul Fuller sadly, but did thankfully take note of what he and I said to them and the material that we supplied during various long sessions. The programme was fair to all sides and yet critical where necessary. It painted a picture of the subject I barely disagreed with except in a couple of minor instances. Far and away superior to the tosh the rest of the media have churned out over the years. Concentrating on the debate between the scientific theories and the parascience perspective ('a battle for the soul of science' as it was poetically dubbed) it did not include (nor in my view miss) the big names other programmes always feature. Great stuff - don't miss the likely 1992 repeat or any foreign transmission dates in future.

Meanwhile, the Cambridge Evening News - ever up to date - had an exclusive with the news that SF 'guru' Arthur C Clarke had entered the controversy. In fact, as Crop Watcher reported last year, I had an interesting exchange with him where he expressed some ironic thoughts on the matter. Arthur adds now that he suspects he knows who hoaxed the infamous 'Mandelbrot' symbol that appeared during August. He seems to have reason to think that a Cambridge University student he knows could have done it.

Terence Meaden soon reacted to 'Equinox' and this years hoaxing traps by coming out in public with what must surely now be seen as the undoubted truth. 'I am sure you are not too surprised to think that all those funny shapes are not real' he told the Swindon Advertiser (26 Oct). Two days later he amplified to the Liverpool Post that 'all but the simplest circles are the work of hoaxers' (including all those with 'squares, triangles and straight lines'). But he stands by his whirling vortex theory for the very few basic formations - in fact 'very few' being operative words. On 1 Nov Farming News reported this under 'Hoaxers tread on our corn says boffin' (ouch!)

These statements have been treated as a 'U-Turn' by the media, as one must accept they are to some degree. It will take time to overcome the terrible damage of this summer and the excessive claims made about the phenomenon. Yet the truth will out and despite continuing belief in some quarters that the game is all up as hoaxing, there is enough evidence from many diverse sources to make me convinced that MOST are, ALL complex ones included, but a very few simple circles have always formed from wind effects and are probably occurring more frequently now than in the past.

Nonetheless our old friend Steve Balon according to the Lancashire Post on 28 Oct has 'finally explained the mystery'. Can you wait? Hopi Indians have apparently recognised the 'earth mother' in the complex pictogram photos shown them by researchers and say 'these symbols have appeared before at various times of great change'. The message of the circles is that the 'world is breaking down'... Well, parts of it are maybe.

However, the most heartwarming news of the summer was this. One of the most brilliant minds in the world - Professor Stephen Hawking - the genius whom many rate as the modern Albert Einstein - has told the Cambridge local paper that he thinks that crop circle cases reduce to one of two things; either hoaxes or 'vortex movement of air'. With support like that I doubt the meteorological theorists will be Hopi mad about a few red indians.

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Major articles elsewhere



UFO Times Sep (with BUFORA Sub; Suite 1 2C Leyton Rd Harpenden AL5 2TL)
BUFORA launch a new office at John Spencer's workplace with a 24 hr phone on 0582-763218. This issue also has a retrospective on Blue Book by Jennie Ziedman, who was there, and status reports on UFOs in Wales, Belgium and Iran.

Awareness 4 (with Contact UK sub 11 Ouseley Close Oxford OX3 0JS)
Ludicrous tosh about circles fills this issue ('we are now armed with solid facts...of an unknown intelligence at work...'). Yawn time again, in my view.

MUFON Journal (\$30 for 12, 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin Texas USA 78155)
*Sep...The latest US crashed circle controversies dissected at length
 Oct...Michael Chorost reviews the 1991 UK circles and rejects the hoaxers story (a mistake I suspect); although otherwise not a bad review with some interesting new data on microscopic analyses at circle sites.*

The Skeptic Sept/Oct (£12 for 6, PO Box 475 Manchester M60 2TH)
Not much on UFOs this issue (just a debunking bit on circles and a critical review of John Spencer's encyclopedia) but as usual and otherwise an essential antidote to paranormal excesses in a variety of subject areas.

Enigmas Sep (£7.50 for 5, 41 The Braes Tullibody Scotland FK10 2TT)
A real variety of topics from Loch Ness to circles and ghosts to a detailed review of the Sheffield conference. The best there is north of the border.

Just Cause Sep (\$20, US, for 4, PO Box 218 Coventry CT USA 06238)
Continuing its sensible investigation of cover-up stories this features a worrying tale of a female USAF airmen and suspect documentation. Interesting

NUFOC Oct (500 Bfr, for 4, Jodenstraat 66/102 B-3800 St Truiden Belgium)
A terrific magazine - in English - so there's no excuse for not keeping up with UFOlogy in this exciting country. Sensible case investigations and FOI documents on the Belgian wave from the USA. What more can you ask for?

Wild Places 3 (£6, for 4, 42 Victoria Rd Mt Charles St Austell PL25 4QD)
Kevin McClures commentary on the paranormal scene is refreshing and topical. Interesting piece on predictions of armageddon in contactee cases.

J. Met (£23, for 10, £17 students/OAP; 54 Frome Rd Bradford Wilts BA15 1LD)
Always fascinating weather data in Terence Meaden's journal. The October issue has Rita Gould's important report of a 'vortex tube' sighting at Alton Barnes this summer. Before seeing it she was NOT a Meaden supporter.

GAIA News 2 (£3, for 6, Anthony North BCM Keyhole London WC1N 3XX)
Anthony's latest magazine venture is as always magnificently designed and made up of small sections packed with news and comment. Desk Top Publishing used well for a change. Covers various earth and green topics inc UFOs.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT



THE MUNDRABILLA - NULLARBOR INCIDENT Compiled by Keith Basterfield

You no doubt recall Australia's most famous close encounter which created world headlines in January 1988. A family in a car were 'attacked' whilst crossing the lonely Nullarbor plain. An 'object' drove them off the road after 'sucking' them into the air provoking various physical effects.

Well, it wasn't quite like the press reported - at least, not according to the terrific investigation conducted by UFORA (UFO Research Australia). All the problems and pitfalls of investigating this case are painstakingly documented in this excellent case history. It is packed with detail, interviews, maps, sketches, photos, even press cuttings from around the world. More or less all you will need to know so as to build up a picture in your own mind of what did - or in some cases did not - go on.

There seems little doubt that media involvement exaggerated some aspects of this story (which is one of the best known in modern times). Yet equally, something obviously happened in the early hours that night; although UFORA have a good stab at trying to figure out what that might have been.

First class illustration of how to investigate a close encounter and strongly recommended. No price details included unfortunately for this self produced 'file' of around 125 pages but available through:-

UFORA PO Box 229 Prospect South Australia 5082

WITCHCRAFT: A STRANGE CONFLICT Peter Hough Lutterworth p/b 200pp £7.95

Peter is well known to NUN readers as MUFORA chairman. This is his first solo venture as an author (although his third book overall). It is an account of his investigations into witchcraft and Satanism in Britain, particularly with reference to the recent child abuse scandals.

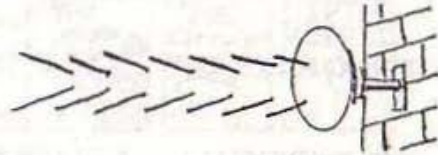
As someone who knew nothing of the subjects under discussion I found it an interesting primer to the controversy. It stalks a middle of the road position presenting the views of both the proponents and the Christian detractors. The impression gained is that the argument has become more significant in its own right than whichever side is correct - something we might contemplate in the light of our own subject areas.

Whilst not about UFOs, at one point Peter does draw parallels between the child abuse and UFO abduction fields (something which earned him praise from a Daily Telegraph review of the ten oddest paranormal titles of the year - causing the reviewer to award 3 out of 10, second lowest only to James Randi - on the basis that the higher the score the less the reviewer would like to spend time alone in a lift with the author!) I guess this is good news. Already the book has been denounced from one pulpit too, I hear!

I should point out that the book is dedicated to me (a fact I did not know until I opened it). You may consider that this makes my review shamelessly biased and may even suspect that the author bribed me to write it (which is very funny because I know what he got paid for the book!) That said I have tried to be objective and fair...and if you believe that then you will believe anything. Must go - the postman has arrived with a sack of used notes...but what's that strange symbol on the side of the van? Er...

MEDIA MATTERS

A look at UFOs in the public eye



Crop circles in the Times Educational Supplement ? Yes - on 15 Nov we are advised that a course has now been developed which allows pupils to split into groups, research a range of solutions to the phenomenon then present their results to the rest of the class to see who is most persuasive. An enterprising idea and one that would have never succeeded in my teaching days. I once got censured for using meteorology to help my class believe in the parting of the Red Sea! But that's another story.

Margaret Fry in Wales has been reaping the publicity lately. The Liverpool Daily Post (18 Sept) explains how 'alien sightings lead to out of this world job vacancy'. No it was not a government ET scheme. It was to report a public meeting she was to stage in Llangernyw to try to get help to investigate cases. After nice pieces in the North Wales Weekly (26 Sept) and the Bangor Mail (2 Oct) we still do not know if she got her helpers. We hope so.

Police Review on 18 Oct had a policeman's report on 'Going equipped to scare' which was a sort of 'perils of night duty' yarn. It ranged over the werewolf who reported in to a local police station, the brave copper who was sent to a graveyard and was met by a white shrouded wraith (which he promptly clonked over the head with his truncheon before discovering it was a fellow cop playing a joke) and the little known tale of PC Alan Godfrey at 'Todworth, West Yorkshire' (clearly a well researched item this).

I was a wee bit worried about the report in the UK Press Gazette (23 Sept) which assessed the Small Press Fair and alleged that 'the man from BUFORA, which publishes one of Britain's leading UFO titles, complained vocally at being positioned next to Rose's Repartee, a magazine for extrovert transvestites'. Now I don't recall this being the subject of heated debate in BUFORA council. Why the cover up? I think we should be told.

Surprise, surprise the London Evening Standard (19 Nov) notes that UFOs murdered Robert Maxwell - or rather that this is one of the many daft theories the head embalmer at the local sanatorium in Tenerife bemoaned.

How did the Sunday Sport miss that one? But what they did not miss was their priceless story on 11 Sept with another collectors headline. It seems that President George Bush has been treated by a 'bald surgeon who glows in the dark' and is really a 'paramedic from Juno... (a tiny planet) halfway between Mars and Saturn (isn't Jupiter next out after Saturn - ed?) Evidently this asteroid man handled the President's prostrate and a top secret document (MJ-13?) explains in code ('Moonman has been at the table - He has had access to treetops trousers - It is all sewn up') Obvious when you think about it, eh? As the Sport in its ever tasteful and non sensational style declares - 'Space Alien Saves Bush's B*****ks'. Quite.

BRIEF CASES

Some current investigations



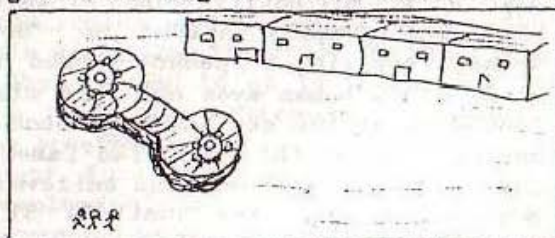
CASE 77-350 Summer 1977 Rugby, Warwickshire Parasearch David Taylor C3-5

One of the cases secured after my 'People Today' interview in April it was followed up as far as possible. The witness was leaving work around 17.30 when he saw an aircraft on route to Birmingham Airport. Above this was an 'object' that was dark and travelling at high speed in a 'star' shape (ie all four compass points in succession). It then became stationary before shooting away to the south at great speed. There was no noise, vapour trail or lights on the object and it was a sunny day with a clear sky. As no date can be recalled there seems little point in trying to investigate further although the witness alleges that one of my books (loaned from a library and he cannot recall which) refers to sightings in this area at the same time. I cannot recall which. Can any enterprising sleuth work it out?

Just a note on a letter sent to John Spencer by a reader of his books. There seems little can be done as the writer can only place the sighting as sometime in the late 1970's at a farm half a mile from Tees-Side Airport in Cleveland. Early one evening 'a quite large conical shaped object' passed low over the airport. It glowed brightly and moved very fast. The airport had seen nothing but put him onto a local UFO group who declared it a UFO. This could be anything (meteor sounds a possibility) but investigation is useless without basic data like date and time and so many years later.

A MIDWINTERS NIGHTS DREAM Report by John Copsey of BUFORA

Two teenage girls claim to have had similar dreams on the same night. Although one girl was willing to cooperate with the investigation, her friend has not responded to requests to offer details. The incident occurred in November 1988 and involved the two girls walking together down a street near their home in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. A dog was with them. At this point a 'massive spaceship' came down which was covered in green lights and was making a low humming noise. It was shaped like a 'bone' and formed from dirty grey metal tiles. The dream does not involve any more action than this although both reportedly saw it land and then remain stationary on the ground. No entities were seen in association and the main reporter cannot recall how the dream ended or what she was doing when she woke up. She was not frightened but felt an odd sensation in the back of her neck. It is difficult to decide if there is anything to this experience. Had the second girl provided a report it might have been worth taking further but as it stands there seems little point in doing anything other than put it on file



NIGHT SOUNDS Report by Pat Delaney & Anne Griffin (BUFORA Ireland)

A is a shop assistant at a computer store. The experience occurred in July/August 1988 at Ranelagh, Dublin, when he was aged 19.

It was 4 am and A was in bed when he was brought into full awareness by a strange sound that appeared from nowhere. He describes it as 'a thousand voices on a jet engine' and it seemed to be directly over his head. He became extremely frightened. The noise increased in intensity and at the same time he felt his head and neck being forced back into the pillow. He then screamed out and the noise stopped very suddenly, leaving him drained and exhausted but without the intense fear.

This phenomenon has recurred many times since - at first several times a month but more recently only every couple of months. Occasionally there are difficulties in breathing as a result. A is clearly perturbed by this and would like help to understand what is going on.

The investigators would very much like to hear from any qualified readers who might have any ideas or assistance to offer that they can take back to this witness. Whilst not strictly UFO related there are a number of instances on file where bedroom visitor 'entity' experiences have developed from a similar starting point... Note the Oldham case 9038 on page 11.

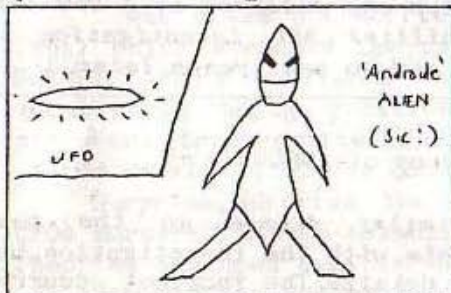
Write to the investigators at:- Box 3070 Whitehall Dublin 9 Eire

MULTI-RATIAL ALIENS

CASE 8945 10 Aug 1989 Hartshead Moor, West Yorkshire

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AR lives in the Bradford area and alleges that at 21.15 on the night in question he caught a bus toward the moor, alighting by the Pack Horse Inn. As



he walked home he passed some housing and was given the impression that something was watching him. In the gloom he could see two 'white slanted eyes' on a figure about 8 feet tall. A black shape with a pointed head or helmet in the bushes was now evident. It had on what seemed to be 'flared trousers' with 'something pointed between the legs' - possibly part of a uniform. The eyes then turned red and AR was very frightened. From this point the story

becomes rather more difficult to follow or, for most probably, to accept. AR says a 'green' entity appeared which was asked by the first 'shall we get him?' and promptly replied 'No - don't bother' (!) The green one took off a helmet revealing a 'peanut-shaped head and coffee coloured skin, black eyes bigger than human eyes and more slanted like Japanese.' The green one then looked up at the sky and then back at AR 'as if meaning something'. AR was having none of this and fled immediately to his home where he told family and friends - none of whom believed him. He adds; 'But I am not the type to make things up like that'. On 31 August 1991 came the incident which prompted him to write. AR was in bed at night looking out of the window when an object like a white rugby ball came from the Huddersfield direction, turned east and rushed away at great speed. He likens it to a shooting star but felt it was too near the ground to be one. There are a number of questions to be answered about the status of this report and hopefully the IUN will conduct a follow up investigation. As and when any further details or any analysis of the event is received from them we will let you know.

NIGHT LIGHTS

CASE 9038 14 Jan 1990 Oldham, Lancashire

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It is worth comparing this case with the Irish investigation reported on the previous page. This one involves F - a 30 year old caretaker.

On the night in question his wife retired to bed about 23.00 and he stayed up another couple of hours listening to music. He admits he had a few glasses of wine but says he was not drunk. He slept quickly and easily and then dreamt he was reaching out with his arms towards the ceiling. Instantly he woke up into full alertness to realise he was NOT dreaming this.

He felt 'weird'. His body was writhing with a powerful tingling sensation not unlike electricity. Yet it was soothing and comforting, not painful at all and left him feeling submissive. He could see his wife's head and wanted to wake her but felt an urge not to. Meanwhile the room was bathed in light, seeming to emerge from a fixed point above towards which he stretched outward. It was so intense it illuminated the entire room. The glow then slowly faded and the room 'came into perspective', no longer blocked out of full sight. At this he felt completely drained and 'disappointed and abandoned'. Only when it was gone completely did fear take over.

F leapt out of bed and ran around shouting 'My God, they're here' - something he now recognises as foolish ('I like to think of myself as a rational man who in the face of something unexpected would act calmly!') His wife woke up but just told him to get back into bed. However, he could not sleep, having stomach convulsions which jerked him upright and chattering teeth. His wife recalls that he told her in this odd state when back in bed that 'they' would not harm 'him' (meaning his son whose first birthday was the following day). Further that 'they' were looking after him. He could not remember this until his wife reminded him; although he has always had a vague feeling of 'communication' during the experience.

The story was lucidly told and sensibly rationalised. The witness had let it stew for 18 months trying to accept it as an hallucination, but failing utterly. Then, after reporting it to us, the following occurred.

On 3 October 1991 he again retired late (00.15) after drinking four pints of beer. He lay awake (as he often has since January 1990) pondering what had happened to him, when he became aware that his hands were rising. It was as if a balloon were being inflated underneath them. He remained calm (which he now finds odd) and focused attention. He found that by concentrating he could make his arms and then legs float upwards. His left temple was twitching as he did so and the bright light began to fill the room again. He concluded this may not have been a physical light but 'due to intense concentration'. He broke off once, losing nerve and going to the toilet, but returning to bed he tried again and found it easier. At one point he was all but drifting up off the bed. Then he had to go to the loo again (he suggests we recall the four pints!) There was a stomach cramp again after the incident (not painful but 'like breathing in very cold air')

This fascinating case offers insight into various close encounter situations. The Shelley (Bolton) CE 4 involved claims by the witness that she could float. This has been recorded once or twice elsewhere. In many CE 4s (eg the Jenny from Todmorden story) the witness experiences 'communion' (to borrow a phrase) during the experience and random thoughts rushing in coupled with memory loss of what was said. This is like the flimsy nature of dream recall when we awake and is again common. Jenny's case also featured the terrible feelings of sadness when the experience ended as reported by F and (perhaps importantly) in near death and some out of body experiences.

CASE 9039 26 Aug 1990 Nr Cray, North Yorkshire ASSAP M. Lewis C4-5

It was about 16.00 and GH was hiking over the Dales near OS ref SD 985788 in fine sunny weather with 'a hazy sun but no clear shadows'. He was at 600 metres (nearly 2000 feet) in coarse grassland where he had travelled before. Suddenly he saw a white object around three-quarters of a mile away. He put his Nikon 9 x 25 binoculars onto it and resolved a cigar shape leaning at an angle maybe 7 feet long & 18 inches wide. The bottom was blocked by the ground and it remained stationary. He looked away for a second and upon looking back it had gone. He did not go to the location as he was walking a different route but says the Windle Side region is pretty desolate and there are no obvious causes. The case brings to mind the Cracoe Fell rock reflection incident. Is there any freak optical effect that might have triggered this? (Could it even be a mirage of a roadside marker post which do not look unlike this?) However, on 9 Sep 1990 GH saw a light in the sky near Harrogate and traced 'International Quest' (YUFOS - ed). Apparently it was a UFO. GH now asks 'Am I selected?'



A CRASH IN THE POTTERIES

Case 9108 19 July 1991 Ipstones, Staffordshire MUFORA D4-5

A flying saucer crashing amidst the Potteries seems almost a joke. This one was not. It involved a police search. However, sadly the witness has evaded all comment and this report is compiled from conversations with others who were involved. At 22.00 on this night ML from Cheadle (Staffs, not Cheshire) was in the Churnet Valley east of Stoke on Trent to visit friends when he saw an object described as '10 feet long, cigar shaped and very bright'. It appeared to fall rapidly from the sky and crash into woodland near Ipstones. He was adamant it was not a spaceship (possibly why he failed to cooperate with UFOlogy?) However he did report it to police at Cheadle. He told them he saw it clearly as it was still light. The object did not glow but looked metallic, like aluminium. It fell at a near vertical angle, dropping in seconds and impacted into fairly remote boggy marshland that is densely treed. ML went to the woods the next morning but found nothing. However, there were areas he could not reach as they were too marshy. Police took the report very seriously (although their appeal for other witnesses via local press was unsuccessful - but this was not surprising given the quite remote location). They considered it possible that part of an aircraft had fallen off on an inbound flight to Manchester, but no aircraft reported any loss (although it is believed pieces fall off from time to time and do not get reported for fear of insurance claims). Another theory, offered by Newchapel Observatory (once the BUFORA HQ) was that a block of ice from an aircraft was the 'UFO'. At first light police searched the wood, including using a helicopter for a low level pass. They found an area of newly broken branches which gave the impression of an object having crashed through from above. But nothing was found on the ground and the search was soon abandoned. It seems that a heavy object would have sunk deep in the bog and out of sight.

CASE 9112 15 Sept 1991 Strensall, North Yorkshire MUFORA C2-5

At 21.50 Mrs W driving home west saw a bright white LITS in the south. It headed north totally silent and without flashing. Her family also saw it.

CASE HISTORIES

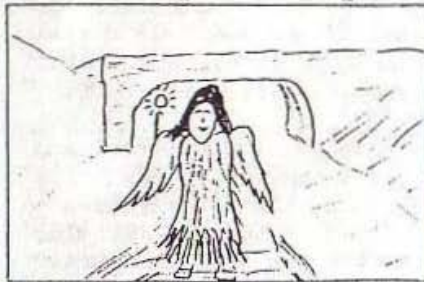


YOU MUST BE AN ANGEL

MUFORA Report by Jenny Randles

T is an engineer now living on a remote Scottish Island but who at the time in question (late 1950's) was a teenager living in Cheshire and for 28 years working at the Cheadle Heath Ferranti plant a quarter mile from my office window where I write this report. He admits to being very artistic with a gifted imagination and a talent for psychometry recently discovered and used recently to 'divine' the best site for an archaeological dig which his son was involved with.

Exact dates cannot be recalled (circa 1957) but the location was the bridge at Rudheath, near Northwich, where the A556 crosses the Crewe-Northwich railway line. He and another teenage friend had been poaching and were resting after a tiring evenings hunt. As they often did they sat under the bridge for a smoke, each sat on one rail of the single track line, 'staring unfocused towards Northwich'. Half a mile in this direction is another bridge and a light signal which had blurred out of focus but was



what T's eyes fixed on. An Oz Factor state now operated (eg time stretching, sounds vanished) and then 'suddenly the fuzzy light grew and blossomed into an angel.' It was an amazing sight - some 20 feet high with long pale and yellow hair, white wings and a bright central spot surrounded by delicate patches of light that were translucent and varying in yellow, blue, pink and green. T reports how 'she poured down from the lamp and formed at the base of

it. The lamp was still lit and detached from her. She crossed to the right rail and moved towards us, naturally appearing larger as she did so.'

After watching this for a few minutes T ran up the embankment and bumped into his friend there. They were mutually embarrassed but his friend soon admitted that he fled the 'angel'. This friend now appears to be living somewhere in Australia. Looking back on the track the figure was gone and they later decided not to report their 'joint hallucination'. As kids they had been warned of a 'lady of the lamp' in the area, which they took to be a story to prevent poaching or keep children off the tracks.

Around this time T saw various odd things; although Manchester Airport is nearby. Notably there was a brief observation of a semi-circle of lights as he ran for a bus. He thought it a crashing aircraft as it was so large but only the bus engine was heard gently idling - no plane. In addition he has had a number of psychic experiences including an out of body vision where he floated up and viewed the other hands during a card game (a neat trick!) and the sighting of a strange aircraft before such a craft was built. Once again we have evidence that some people have extremely vivid visual experiences across a broad spectrum (including entities and UFOs) and possess artistic talents. If only we could trace the other witness.

GYPSIES OF A STRANGE AND DISTANT TIME (Conclusion) Report by Margaret Fry

In 1953, aged 21, G went for a drive with her then boyfriend in his new car. They drove down a lane and parked in fields by the sea. It was 19.20 on a clear night when they arrived, but soon afterwards dark rolling masses of mist began to creep towards them and rapidly engulfed the vehicle. Her boyfriend insisted they stay, despite her anxiety, and kept talking about bright lights and 'ships' he could see (G could not). Eventually her insistence made him drive off but upon arriving on the main road it was found to be 21.00. Both were apparently aware of a lengthy time loss but had no memory of what had taken place.

The next day her boyfriend came around and was very upset. His new car was covered by small circular rings, a few inches across, placed in threes and covering the rear body work. They linked this with the night before and tried to recall what occurred. Both had vague flashbacks of being 'picked up' and taken somewhere to be medically examined. G met the Khan again who told of their original home world in Canis Major and of how anti-matter copies of planet's (including the earth) ghosted alongside the ones we knew. G is seemingly angry that NASA has never let the public know such truths.

The abduction led to a split with her boyfriend but a few years later she had met her present husband, married and had a baby daughter. One day whilst walking with her husband they underwent a full blown abduction. Her husband apparently recalls this but will not discuss it and has told G that she must not talk about it either. She offered no information about this experience at all, except that it would take a day to tell all the details.

G has little background in UFOs. She has read only Above Top Secret and Von Daniken; although she has loaned Fuller's 'An Interrupted Journey' from the library quite recently and allegedly been shocked by the similarities - especially with the second abduction undergone with her husband, but also with the cup sized rings on the car paintwork after her 1953 encounter which fit well with an aspect of the Betty and Barney Hill CE 4 (the case which is the subject of Fuller's book). She did once attend a meeting in Bristol ('by the Aetherius or BUFORA')....it appears to have been the Aetherius Society - ed! They talked of cattle mutilations, which she could not accept, and she and her husband walked out before it finished.

Margaret Fry was impressed by this woman, despite her extraordinarily rich and complex story. It is an indication of the wealth of material hiding undiscovered within society today. What it all means is anybody's guess.

THE BIRCHWOOD MALL CASE: MUFORA Investigation by Hough, Randles & Sandbach

Over the next few issues we will present a detailed study of a case which has taxed MUFORA throughout 1991. We have received tremendous aid from scientists at Manchester, Salford and Swansea Universities. The British and Irish Skeptics were brought in on the case and have been of help to us (possibly the first time UFOlogists have deliberately invited skeptics to join an investigation - but we hope not the last). The case, which involves extensive video evidence, has been down several avenues towards a possible solution but as yet we can still not say that we truly know what went on.

On 8 March 1991 the centre manager of a large shopping complex at Birchwood, near Warrington, Cheshire wrote to Jenny Randles for assistance. One of his staff had a copy of a recent book of hers, knew that she had once lived in Birchwood (until April 1987 in fact) and might be able to figure out what had occurred at a site she knew very well. As he put it they wanted someone 'to look at a strange light form in the sky that we have on video from one of our CCTV cameras at the shopping centre'. Jenny arranged to visit and the investigation developed from there, with Peter Hough and Roy Sandbach subsequently becoming involved as well.

Birchwood Mall is a large complex adjacent to the busy M 6 motorway and 4 miles east of Warrington. It is patrolled by security staff who operate several remote cameras at various locations around the site (to protect security arrangements we will not be more specific; although the staff have proved extremely helpful.) On 25 February 1991 in the early hours of the morning an object was picked up on one camera facing east in the open air and a security guard tracked it, by moving the camera and zooming in or panning out. All told the object was followed by the guard for over 7 minutes, during which it appeared as either a bright ball of light a few inches in diameter or on closer focus as a large almost soap bubble like object with a bright surrounding ring and a more diffuse centre. It sometimes passed in front of objects such as a waste bin, walls, steps, flower beds etc, once climbed a wall to near rooftop height but was mostly around ground level. It was definitely moving independent of the camera and was last seen over a tree between the Birchwood Mall and the railway station. The camera panned away before it disappeared, but the guard said he moved the camera because it vanished. This anomaly was soon resolved.

At no time did the guard leave the room he was situated in (which was only a very short walk from the camera location but had no windows to allow outside view). As the time was 01.23 there were no people about and no other security guards at that time in that part of the mall. Although he had watched the object live through the raw camera feed (ruling out several theories right away) a routine taped record of the event was captured so that he was able to show the crew what had appeared. Nobody recognised what they saw, including staff who had worked on site for many years. The system had been in operation since the Birchwood Mall was built (10 years earlier) and nothing like this phenomenon had been observed before.

There were difficulties. The tape records at very high speed to allow many hours to be put onto one 3-hour VHS. In addition it samples frames in turn from the various cameras in a cycle - ie a short burst from camera a, then camera b and so on, until eventually back to camera a - giving a rather confused impression when the tape is played back without special equipment on site. However, after viewing it and being unable to say what it was, centre manager, John Sanson, as eager as we were to figure out the puzzle, allowed us to take the tape for analysis. Work went on from there with the invaluable bonus that exact times to the second accompanied the UFO on tape.

We had no idea how difficult this fascinating task would prove. At first we had three possible ideas; a luminous insect from the nearby Risley Moss nature reserve, some unknown optical effect or maybe ball lightning. If the latter were proven the film would be a scientific asset. However, the case was to grow more (not less) puzzling as work began... *To be continued.*



Final Words...



Hope you liked our Christmas issue. What other UFO magazine offers you seasonal touches like a busy shopping centre and an angel!

Don't forget your new years resolution... 'I must resubscribe to NUN and UFO Brigantia asap' (see page 4) The November Brigantia features a Budd Hopkins special with masses of new material supplied by the abduction mastermind. If you missed out, take advantage of our cut price joint deal and get both magazines for a year. Its the most painless way to be a UFOphile.

The IUN are offering more of the UFOIN files for sale, I gather. Prices are around £3 to £4 for each file of up to 18 pages or so according to the data I have on this (which is only one page 'leaked' to me from a bigger catalogue). I am told the money is rolling into the IUN - so best get a move on and contact their new marketing department in Burnley. Stuart Smith and Rod ('the bouncer') Howarth are organising this and plan to set up a joint production company for short run book/booklets of UFOlogically worthy material on shared profit basis. Would be authors who prefer this route to endless rejections from London publishers are advised to offer your ideas now to this innovative team. These and requests for UFOIN file prices to:-
15 Rydal Street Burnley Lancs BB10 1HS Tel: 0282-24837

Mea Culpa time... A slight slip of the pen (er, well sort of) led to a 'minor' error in my reprinting of Victor Kean's winning competition entry last issue. There was a legitimate excuse involving poor befuddled me which I won't bore you with. Suffice it to say that by changing one word I made Victor's piece look like an insult. For the record his REAL entry was....

"If that was one of your Winters, I just can't wait to try one of your Summers." Much better than my accident of creative journalism any day!

What's on where

- 4 Jan BUFORA lecture London Business School 6.30 pm L. Banks 'Pie in sky'
18 Jan BUFORA regional thingie 1.30 pm Friends Meeting House Northampton

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